

**CHAPTER NO. 947**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2722**

**By Cohen**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3383**

**By Kernell, Marrero**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 14, relative to natural areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(1)(N), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(N) Shelby Farms Forest - Lucius E. Burch, Jr. Natural Area. An area of approximately seven hundred eighty-eight and thirty-three one-hundredths (788.33) acres located within Shelby Farms Forest Park in Shelby County. This coastal plain site includes areas of bottomland hardwood/bald cypress-tupelo forest and forested wetland communities along the northeasterly and northerly sides of the Wolf River and provides habitat for plant and animal species in need of conservation. The seven hundred eighty-eight and thirty-three one-hundredths (788.33) acre natural area includes two (2) separate forest areas: an approximately four hundred thirteen and seventy-five one-hundredths (413.75) acre bottomland hardwood/bald cypress-tupelo swamp forest north of Walnut Grove Road, and an approximately three hundred seventy-four and fifty-eight one-hundredths (374.58) acre mature bottomland hardwood/bald cypress forest south of Walnut Grove Road. Such description is more particularly described in a survey prepared by Dickinson & Bennett, Inc., for Shelby County Government on November 5, 2003.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-107, is amended by adding the following language at the end of the section:

The department shall give notice to the public and an opportunity for public comment on any proposal to designate a new natural area or to modify the acreage of any designated natural area.

SECTION 3. The Shelby County Commission and the Shelby Farm Park Board shall be responsible for monitoring the activities occurring on the trails in the Lucius E. Burch, Jr. Natural Area and shall also take appropriate enforcement action as provided by this part against any action prohibited by this part.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2004



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004



PHIL BREDEBEN, GOVERNOR